

S'M-273
CEDAR POINT LIGHTHOUSE (ruin)
Patuxent River Naval Air Station
Lexington Park

circa 1894

Situated on a tiny island of less than one acre about one-half mile off the Patuxent River Naval Air Station is the former Cedar Point Lighthouse. The land was acquired by the Coast Guard in 1894 and the lighthouse erected soon thereafter. The light station was abandoned by the Coast Guard in 1928 when the peninsula leading to it eroded.

The lighthouse, built in the cottage style, is now in ruins. An almost square, three-story brick and frame structure, it has a tower and light cupola on the north slope of the gable roof. A porch extends across the ~~east~~^{west} (landward) side at the second floor level. The lighthouse is constructed of brick laid in common bond on the first two floors and frame sheathed with shingles on the third. The tower is square, covered with clapboards, and has a window in its north face. It is surmounted by an octagonal cupola which housed the light, originally a fourth-order Fresnel lens. A small, wooden bell tower, fifteen feet high, once stood a few yards from the lighthouse.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. Sm 273

Magi No. 1902737623

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cedar Point Light House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Patuxent River Naval Air Station ☐ not for publicationcity, town Lexington Park ☒ vicinity of congressional district first

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of the Navy, U.S. Government

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Court House liber

street & number folio

city, town Leonardtown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Inventory of historic sites in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, Maryland.date 1980 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☒ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered

☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates built 1896 **Builder/Architect** U.S. Coast Guard

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-273de Cast, Robert. The lighthouses of the Chesapeake (1973).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name SOLOMONS ISLANDQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone			Easting				Northing		

B

Zone			Easting				Northing		

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Orlando Ridout V, Dennis J. Pogueorganization MHTdate 5-1-83street & number 21 State Circletelephone 269-2438city or town Annapolisstate MD

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Cedar Point Light House:

7.0

Cedar Point Light House is located on a tiny island in the Chesapeake Bay, hardly larger than the structure itself, with concrete and stone a surrounding break water, about one-half mile off of Cedar Point. The land on which the light house was constructed, at that time connected with the mainland, was acquired by the Coast Guard in 1894, the light house and a number of outbuildings were constructed and in service by 1896. The station was abandoned in 1928 after it had become separated from the mainland as the result of gravel quarrying and erosion.

The light house is of the cottage style, being an almost square, 3-story brick and frame construction, with a tower and light cupola on the north slope of the gable roof. A brick porch extends across the west facade at the second floor level. The structure is brick laid in common bond on the first two floors, frame sheathed with shingles on the third. The tower is square, covered with clapboards, with a window in its north face. The cupola that housed the light is octagonal.

The associated outbuildings included a small, three-story bell tower, a boat house, garage, and storage buildings. None of the outbuildings remain; the light house itself is in critically poor condition.

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The structure is in danger of imminent collapse; the light cupola has been removed and placed on display on board NAS. Complete measured drawings have not been made but an exhaustive photographic record was undertaken (housed at NAS and the Calvert Marine Museum).

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

CEDAR POINT LIGHTHOUSE (ruin)

AND/OR COMMON

Patuxent River Naval Air Station

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lexington Park

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

St. Mary's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

—BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

—PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☒ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☐ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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between 1896-1928

SM - 273
Cedar Point
Light

Barren Island Quad

4243

5760 IV SW
(SOLOMONS ISLAND)

CALVERT CO
ST MARYS CO

4240

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Cedar Point
Lighthouse

Cedar Pt

4239

17'30"

4238

4237

1 E R

Hog Pt

Fishing Pt

Pearson Creek

Harper Creek

Fresh Pond

Cedar Point

SM 273

4240

4239

17'30"

4238

4237

PATUXENT RIVER

AIR TEST CENTER

Abell 2

Pine Hill

Towers

CHESAPEAKE

(BARREN IS.
5760 IV)



Cedar Point Lighthouse

(Sm 273)



St. Mary - 273
Cedar Point Lighthouse

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Cedar Point Lighthouse

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